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Dr. Thomas Horeyes



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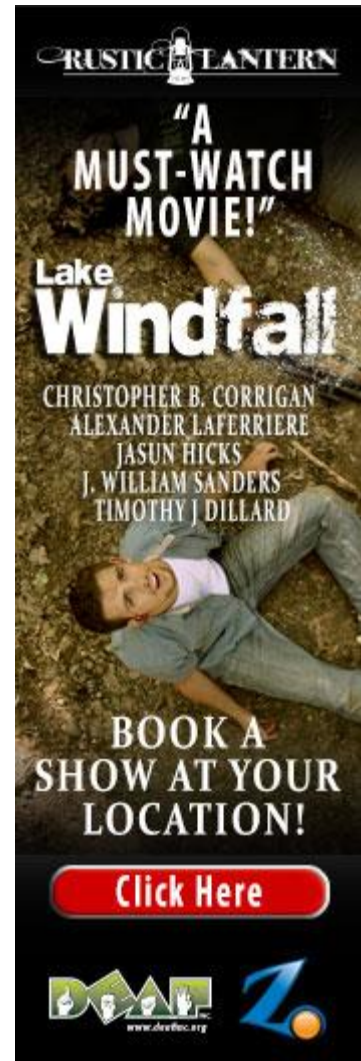
DEAF Inc. Announces New Executive Director *Thomas Horejes to start working on April 21st*

ST. LOUIS, MO (Friday, April 18, 2014) - Deaf Empowerment Awareness Foundation, Inc. (DEAF Inc.) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Dr. Thomas Horejes has been selected as the new executive director of DEAF, Inc.

On April 21, 2014, Thomas Horejes, born Deaf and native to Saint Louis (University City), will become the third executive director of DEAF Inc. Dr. Horejes holds a Ph.D. (2009) in Justice Studies at Arizona State University under the School of Social Transformation- an institution that places social justice at the center of its scholarship and teaching. His areas of specialization include Research Methodologies, Cultural Anthropology, Sociology of Education, Disability Studies, Public Policy, Law & Criminology, Social Inequality, Deaf Studies, Scholarship of Teaching & Learning and Justices Studies.

Dr. Horejes brings with him a wealth of experience in grant writing, managing and overseeing large budgets, developing policies and procedures, providing advocacy and empowerment in various areas to the deaf and hard of hearing consumers, collaboration with federal, state and regional agencies, providing sensitivity training and workshops to increase awareness of deaf and hard of hearing persons, among other areas of expertise. Dr. Horejes was a Project Leader with the City of Phoenix's Inclusion Services Division as a disability policy specialist where he monitored various ADA policy procedures. Dr. Horejes had the privilege under Congressman Ed Pastor of Phoenix and Mayor Neil Giuliano as a planner, researcher, educator, and advocate in community relations.

Before entering the Ph.D. program, he was a community advocate for the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness (GLAD) serving deaf and hard



of hearing individuals in Los Angeles. At GLAD, he provided advocacy and empowerment in the areas of law, education, employment, health, technology, communication, and Social Security to deaf and hard of hearing customers.

Dr. Horejes is currently a member of the American Sociological Association, American Anthropological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, American Educational Research Association, Congress on Qualitative Inquiry and International Sociology Association. The Board of Directors and the Staff at DEAF Inc. are looking forward to working with Dr. Horejes and serving the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing community in the St. Louis metro area.



ABOUT DEAF INC.

DEAF Inc. is a non-profit organization, found in 2008, is dedicated to reducing discrimination, bias, and oppression towards deaf and hard of hearing people by providing them with tools and methods that allow them to empower themselves and lead more productive lives, both personally and professionally. The Deaf Empowerment Awareness Foundation, Inc. promotes understanding and respect among all races, religion, and cultures by providing a confluence of advocacy, communications, conflict resolution, education, interpreting, technology, and visual arts.

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